

The Book of Revelation – The Church of Ephesus
“The Church that Forgot Why”
Revelation 2:1-7
August 31, 2025
Devotionals

Day 1: “The One Who Walks Among Us” (v.1)

Key Verse: *“...him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.”*

Reflection: Jesus begins His message not with critique, but with a reminder of His presence and authority. He is not distant—He *walks among* His churches. That means He sees, knows, and cares deeply about what’s happening in our lives and congregations.

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You are present with us, not far off. Help us to live each day with the awareness that You walk among us.

Day 2: “Faithful, But Forgetful” (vv.2–3)

Key Verse: *“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance...”*

Reflection: The Ephesian church was doing a lot right. They were doctrinally sound, morally alert, and persevering in hardship. But spiritual activity doesn’t always equal spiritual intimacy. Faithfulness can become mechanical if we forget the reason behind it—love for Christ.

Question: Are you serving Jesus out of routine or relationship?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for giving us strength to endure. Help me to serve You with love, not just discipline.

Day 3: “First Love Lost” (v.4)

Key Verse: *“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”*

Reflection: This is one of the most sobering verses in Revelation. The Ephesian church looked great on the outside, but their hearts had cooled. The honeymoon was over—and they didn’t even notice. Our greatest danger isn’t always sin, but **loveless obedience**.

Challenge: When was the last time you sat in Jesus’ presence just because you love Him?

Prayer: Lord, rekindle my heart. Restore to me the joy and passion I once had for You.

Day 4: “Remember, Repent, Return” (v.5)

Key Verse: *“Remember...repent...and do the works you did at first.”*

Reflection: Jesus doesn’t just correct—He gives a path back. He invites us to remember where we came from, repent of our coldness, and return to simple, sincere devotion. He warns that ignoring this call has consequences: the lampstand (influence, presence, mission) will be removed.

Action Step: Spend time today remembering how God first drew your heart to Him. What needs to change?

Prayer: Father, lead me back. I don’t want to settle for empty service. I want to love You deeply again.

Day 5: “To the One Who Conquers” (vv.6–7)

Key Verse: *“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life...”*

Reflection: In every letter to the churches, Jesus gives a promise “to the one who conquers.” We don’t conquer in our own strength—we overcome by staying faithful to Christ. The reward? Eternal intimacy and life with Him. The Tree of Life, once barred in Eden, will be freely available in God’s paradise.

Encouragement: If you feel weak or worn, remember: Jesus offers life to those who keep going with Him.

Prayer: Lord, help me persevere—not just in action, but in love. Let my reward be You.